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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: MULTI-TRENCH REGION FOR  
ACCUMULATION OF PHOTO-  
GENERATED CHARGE IN A CMOS  
IMAGER

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Page 1, after the title, please insert -- This application is a divisional of application  
Ser. No. 09/650,432, filed on August 28, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by  
reference. --

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-89.